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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:  
FRANCIS PETIT et al  
Serial No.: 09/554,772  
Filed: May 16, 2000  
For: USE OF...ATHEROSCLEROSIS

: A. Spiegler  
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: Group: 1656  
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600 Third Avenue  
New York, N.Y. 10016  
February 20, 2001

## REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Asst. Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Further to the above-identified application, Applicant respectfully request that the period for response to the outstanding Office Action be extended for one month until

February 28, 2002.

PTO Form 2038(02-2000) is enclosed herewith to cover the appropriate fee. Should any further extensions of time or fees be necessary in order to maintain this application in pending condition, appropriate requests are hereby made and authorization is given to debit account # 02-2275.

Respectfully submitted,

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